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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: ASSASINATION OF SHEIKH AHMAD YASSIN

1. SUMMARY: THE ASSASSINATION OF SHEIKH AHMAD YASSIN, THE
SPIRITUAL LEADER OF HAMAS, YESTERDAY AT DAWN DOMINATED COVERAGE

IN ALL ELECTRONIC AND PRINT MEDIA. AN "AL KHALEEJ" EDITORIAL NOTED THAT ALL ARABS ARE THREATENED AND NOT ONLY PALESTINIANS. AN "AL BAYAN" EDITORIAL POINTED OUT THAT SHARON IS NOT THE ONLY KILLER, BUT ALSO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN AND STILL ARE SILENT ARE ALSO THE KILLERS. ABU AWAD, COLUMNIST IN "AL ITTIHAD," NOTED THAT THIS IS THE END SHEIKH YASSIN HOPED FOR AND DESIRED AND THAT ISRAEL ACHIEVED HIS DREAM WITHOUT REALIZING IT. END SUMMARY.

12. NOTING THAT ARABS SHOULD START REALIZING THAT NOT ONLY PALESTINIAN, BUT ALSO ARAB BLOOD IS GOING TO BE SHED BY SHARON, SHARJAH-BASED PAN-ARAB DAILY "AL-KHALEEJ" EDITORIALIZED 03/23:

"WHEN WILL THE ARABS BELIEVE THAT THE ZIONIST CRIMINAL GROUP LED BY SHARON WILL SHED ALL THEIR BLOOD FROM WATER TO WATER AND NOT ONLY PALESTINIAN BLOOD?. THE BLOOD OF THE SHEIKH, OF MARTYRS AND OTHER MARTYRS SHOULD BE A WATERSHED IN THE HISTORY OF THE ARAB REGION. THIS CRIME OF ASSASSINATING SHEIKH AHMAD YASSIN SHOULD NOT PASS AS OTHER CRIMES HAVE PASSED, IT SHOULD HOIST THIS NATION FROM ITS STUMBLING, BEFORE SHARON, WHO IS BACKED UP BY THE U.S., STARTS A NEW ERA OF ESCALATIONS. THE BLOOD OF THE SHEIKH OF MARTYRS AHMAD YASSIN IS YOUR BLOOD, ARABS! DEFEND YOUR BLOOD BEFORE THE KNIVES OF BUTCHERS REACH YOU. IT IS AN ERA OF HUMILIATION, SO WAKE UP TO PUT AN END TO IT!"

13. UNDER THE HEADLINE "A CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY," ABU DHABI-BASED SEMI-GOVERNMENT "AL ITTIHAD" EDITORIALIZED 03/23:

"THE CRIME THAT WAS COMMITTED BY THE TERRORIST SHARON IN COLD BLOOD YESTERDAY AT DAWN BY ASSASSINATING THE CRIPPLED, 76 YEAR OLD SHEIKH AHMAD YASSIN, HAMAS'S SPIRITUAL LEADER, WILL LEAD THE REGION TO MORE VIOLENCE AND BLOODSHED AND WILL DESTROY ALL HOPES OF PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, WHICH SHARON DOES NOT WANT TO SUCCEED, IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE HIS GOALS OF EXPANSION NOT ONLY IN PALESTINE, BUT ALSO IN THE REGION THAT IS GOING THROUGH DIFFICULT AND DANGEROUS TIMES. THE INTERNATIONAL FAMILY HEADED BY THE COUNTRIES SUPERVISING THE PEACE PROCESS IS REQUESTED TO MOVE AND STOP THE ZIONIST ORGANIZED TERRORISM, WHICH HAS A TARGET OF DEMOLISHING THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. AS FOR OUR BROTHERS IN THE ARAB WORLD, SHARON IS ANSWERING THEM EVERY DAY BY ACTION, ANNOUNCING HIS REJECTION OF PEACE THROUGH HIS BLOODY OPERATIONS."

14. NOTING THAT SHARON IS NOT THE ONLY KILLER OF SHEIKH AHMAD YASSIN, DUBAI-BASED BUSINESS-ORIENTED "AL BAYAN" EDITORIALIZED 03/23:

". ALTHOUGH THE ASSASSINATION OF THE MARTYR SHEIKH YASSIN WAS COMMITTED BY THE ISRAELI TERRORISM SIDE, SOME OTHER SIDES ARE RESPONSIBLE TOO. THE SILENCE OF THESE SIDES TOWARDS THE CRIMES COMMITTED BY THE TEL AVIV BUTCHERS IS CONSIDERED TO PROVOKE THE CONTINUATION OF THESE MASSACRES COMMITTED AGAINST OUR CHILDREN AND BROTHERS IN PALESTINE. THESE SILENT PEOPLE ARE NOT ONLY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, BUT ALSO THE ARABS WHO LEFT THEIR BROTHERS IN PALESTINE IN THE JAWS OF AN ENEMY WHO HAS NO HUMANITY. SHARON HAS STARTED THE FIRE, SOONER OR LATER HE WILL BE BURNT IN IT BECAUSE RESISTANCE WILL NOT DIE AND ITS MEN ARE ALL YASSIN."

15. POINTING OUT THAT THE WINNER IN THE ASSASSINATION OF SHEIKH YASSIN IS THE SHEIKH HIMSELF, COLUMNIST ABU AWAD WROTE IN "AL ITTIHAD" ON 03/23:

". SHEIKH AHMAD YASSIN IS THE WINNER IN THIS OPERATION, SINCE EVERY PALESTINIAN LIVING ON THE LANDS OF PALESTINE DREAMS OF THIS END, AND ISRAEL HAS ACHIEVED THE MOST PRECIOUS DREAM FOR THIS MAN WITHOUT REALIZING IT..SHEIKH YASSIN, WHO WAS VERY SICK, WAS HONORED TO DIE THIS HEROIC DEATH..AS FOR ISRAEL, THAT DREAMS ABOUT SECURITY AND ACHIEVING MORE AND MORE BENEFITS OUT OF THIS CRIME, IT SEEMS THAT IT DOES NOT LEARN FROM ITS MISTAKES. PEACE UPON SHEIKH AHMAD YASSIN..PEACE UPON SHEIKH AHMAD YASSIN..PEACE UPON SHEIKH AHMAD YASSIN..PEACE UPON ALL ARABS"

16. UNDER THE HEADLINE "ASSASSINATING A WHEELCHAIR," UAE COLUMNIST NASSER AL DHAHERI WROTE IN "AL ITTIHAD" ON 03/23:

". WILL THE ASSASSINATION BURY HAMAS AND MAKE IT CONCENTRATE ON AGRICULTURE AND USING UP THE OIL PRODUCTS EVERY SEASON? IN ASSASSINATING SHEIKH YASSIN, ISRAEL, WHICH IS DESCRIBED AS A DEMOCRATIC AND FREE COUNTRY IN THE MIDDLE EAST, WAS SHOWING ITS

OLD HISTORIC COWARDLINESS, IN ADDITION TO ITS HATRED. WHAT WAS
ASSASSINATED YESTERDAY WAS ONLY THE WHEEL CHAIR, NOT THE SHEIKH."

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